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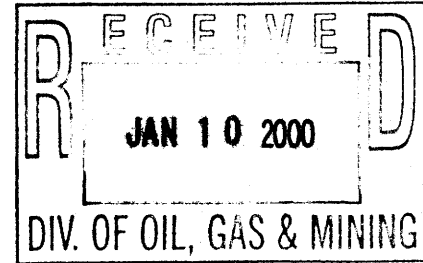
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SUBJECT: Determination of Administrative Completeness for Pines Tract Canyon Fuel Company,
SUFCO Mine, ACT/041/002-SSR99D, File #2
State Identification Number: UT991124-010

ACT/041/002 #2
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Dear Ms. Wright:

The Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC), representing the State of Utah, has reviewed this proposal. State agencies' comments are as follows:

Utah Geological Survey

Surface impacts by mine operations have the potential to destroy irreplaceable fossil resources. The Cretaceous Price River, Castlegate and North Horn Formations are known to preserve dinosaur and other vertebrate remains and the overlying Tertiary formations preserve significant mammal and other vertebrate remains. Any surface areas that may be disturbed should be surveyed and if needed mitigated by a qualified paleontologist.

Division of Air Quality

The Canyon Fuel Company, SUFCO Mine project is subject to R307-205-5, Mining Activities and may be required to file for an Approval Order or air permit, depending on the activities.

Division of State History

After consideration of the lease completeness letter, the Utah Preservation Office recommends a determination of No Historic Properties Affected.

If you have questions, please contact Jim Dykmann at (801) 533-3555. (Please refer to Case No. J965)

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to review this proposal. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Utah State Clearinghouse at the above address or call Carolyn Wright at (801) 538-1535 or John Harja at (801) 538-1559.

Sincerely,

Brad T. Barber

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